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Dear Mr. Barnaby:

Thank you for your February 7 transmittal of the Board of Registered Nursing's January 24 reply to your query about Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) working with Doctors of Podiatric Medicine (DPMs).

Section 2472 of the Medical Practice Act provides the DPM scope of practice. BPM's fact sheets *Information for Health Facilities* and *Information on Scope of Practice*, both exhibited on our Internet website, emphasize that "DPMs may not . . . *administer* general anesthetics [§2472 (c)]." The word *administer* is italicized in order to underscore that this restriction applies to *administering* only. This reading of the law predates, and has not been changed or questioned by the Board during, my fourteen-year tenure.

We appreciate your contacting BPM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Rathlesberger'.

Jim Rathlesberger, M.P.A.
Executive Officer
Board of Podiatric Medicine

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Section 101.6, B&P Code***